

SENATE BILL 2455

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-198, relative to unmanned traffic enforcement cameras.

WHEREAS, Many motorists are unsure how long a traffic signal will remain the same color before it changes; and

WHEREAS, Upon seeing a yellow signal motorists are tempted to attempt an abrupt stop because they are not certain how much time they have to proceed safely through the intersection; and

WHEREAS, The sudden, unexpected braking of a motor vehicle can lead to violent rear end crashes; and

WHEREAS, It would be helpful to motorists entering an intersection with an unmanned traffic enforcement camera to have more precise knowledge of the timing of the traffic signals at such intersection; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-8-198, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(m) After the effective date of this act, any unmanned traffic enforcement camera used to enforce or monitor traffic violations that is implemented at an intersection shall also be accompanied by a countdown timer signal that is readily visible to motorists entering such intersection. The countdown timer signal shall identify how many seconds remain before the traffic signal changes from green to red.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.